

**AMENDED CLAIM SET:**

1. - 16. (cancelled).

17. (currently amended) A photothermographic material comprising:

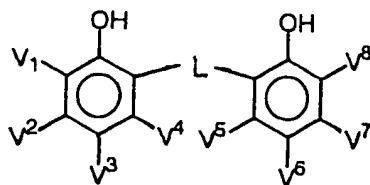
- (a) a photosensitive silver halide,
- (b) a reducible silver salt,
- (c) a reducing compound represented by the formula (1) below,
- (d) a binder, and
- (e) a compound represented by the formula (2) below,

wherein the amount of the compound represented by the formula (1) is 0.1-10 mole % of the amount of the compound represented by the formula (2), and

an image can be formed by only a single sheet of the photothermographic material without ~~any~~ a functional layer constituting a separate member;

Formula (1):  $Q^1\text{-NHNH-R}^1$

wherein  $Q^1$  represents a quinazoline ring bonding to  $\text{NHNH-R}^1$  at a carbon atom, and  $R^1$  represents a carbamoyl group of the formula  $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{-NH-R}^{11}$  wherein  $R^{11}$  is an alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 10 carbon atoms,

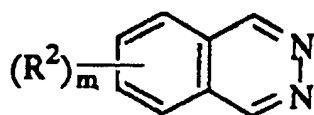


Formula (2):

wherein  $V^1$  to  $V^8$  each independently represent hydrogen atom or a substituent, and L represents a bridging group consisting of  $-\text{CH}(V^9)-$  or  $-\text{S}-$  where  $V^9$  represents hydrogen atom or a substituent.

18. – 22. (cancelled).

23. (previously presented) The photothermographic material according to Claim 17, which further comprises (f) a compound represented by the formula (4) on the same surface of the support:



Formula (4):

wherein, in the formula (4),  $R^2$  represents hydrogen atom or a monovalent substituent,  $m$  represents an integer of 1 to 6 where  $(R^2)_m$  means that 1-6 of  $Y$  independently exist on the phthalazine ring, and when  $m$  is 2 or more, adjacent two of  $R^2$  may form an aliphatic ring or an aromatic ring.

24. (previously presented) The photothermographic material according to Claim 23, wherein, in the formula (4),  $R^2$  represents a monovalent substituent, and  $m$  represents an integer of 1 to 6.

25. (previously presented) The photothermographic material according to Claim 17, wherein (b) the reducible silver salt is a silver salt of a long chain aliphatic carboxylic acid.

26. (previously presented) A method for forming images, which comprises developing a photothermographic material according to Claim 17 by heating to form a silver image.

27. (previously presented) The method for forming images according to Claim 26, wherein the heat development is performed at a temperature of 100-117°C.

28. – 30. (cancelled).